

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney's Docket No 30008377 US

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Searching for append point in data storage device

the specification of which

X is attached hereto;

___ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____, and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 31.56 (a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code 3119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

| Number | Country | Day/Mo/Yr Filed | Yes | No |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___ Yes | ___ No |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___ Yes | ___ No |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | ___ Yes | ___ No |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| (Application Serial #) | (Filing Date) | (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned) |
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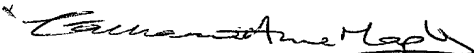
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